

## RICH BROKER AIDING ALLIES IS KILLED; WAR CRANK BLAMED

Chicago Police Bending Every Effort to Find Murderer of Franklin R. Voorhees at Fashionable Home.

Diamond Missing, But Detectives Think It Was Taken in Effort to Throw Them Off the Track.

CHICAGO, Oct. 24.—The police are bending every effort today to find the murderer of Franklin R. Voorhees, Chicago Board of Trade broker, who had amassed a fortune in a few months by buying ingredients used in the manufacture of munitions for the allies.

That Voorhees was killed by a war fanatic is deemed certain by the authorities.

While a \$600 diamond in Voorhees' stickpin is missing, detectives assigned to the case are sure that it was taken to throw them off the track. A diamond of like size, set in a ring Voorhees wore on his left hand, was untouched.

The shooting occurred last night, as Voorhees was entering his home in Hyde Park boulevard.

**CHIEF TAKES CHARGE.**  
The bullet entered the broker's body two inches below his heart and he died a few hours later at Mercy Hospital.

Occurring in one of the most fashionable residential sections, the shooting has stirred the entire police force of the city, and Chief Charles C. Healey has assumed personal command of the search for the murderer. The broker's firm did a huge business for the allies and made no attempt at secrecy, so intimate were its dealings that other concerns from which it gathered supplies regarded Voorhees as an agent extraordinary of Great Britain and France. Voorhees himself was a Belgian, but had lived in the United States practically all of his life.

Mrs. Voorhees was sitting in an upper room of the Voorhees home. She saw her husband coming down the street, and called to the maid to put dinner on the table. She then ran downstairs to meet him. When her husband failed to appear at the door Mrs. Voorhees went outside to see what was delaying him. She found him sitting at the foot of the steps.

**Wife Heard Shot.**  
"I thought I heard a shot, but paid no attention to it, believing an automobile tire had exploded in the street," she said this morning. "When I opened the door Franklin was sitting on the sidewalk walking toward his home. He told me he had been held up and shot."

Voorhees' war transactions were revealed to the police by Ralph Voorhees, twenty-one years old, his son, who was associated with him in business. "During the last few months approximately 40 per cent of our trade abroad has been in dynamite, glycerine, extracted from tallow," he said. "Another 15 per cent has been in sulphuric acid, picric acid and other chemicals used in the manufacture of explosives."

"My father was agent for a firm in Montreal, Canada, which has a direct contract with the allies for the furnishing of war munitions," Voorhees' son said. "Since early in the war he has bought and shipped large quantities of explosives and other war materials."

Police Captain Lavin said that he was convinced that Voorhees was shot by some one hostile to the allies.

**President and Party At Service Today**

Mr. Wilson and fiancée expected to yield later to lure of outdoors.

Despite the appeal of the out-of-doors and a wonderful October day, President Wilson today attended church service and returned to the White House for a quiet luncheon with his family. The President was accompanied by Miss Margaret Wilson.

## Navy Secretary Soon May Be Able to Talk To Ships From Office



CAPT. W. H. BULLARD, U. S. N.

## D.C. FISCAL RELATION HEARING TOMORROW

Former Commissioner MacFarland Will Make Opening Speech on Half-and-Half.

The Congressional committee named to investigate the half-and-half controversy will get down to work tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock, when former Commissioner MacFarland, representing the joint citizens' committee, will make the opening argument in favor of the retention of the existing fiscal relations between the District and Federal governments.

All members of the committee are expected to be present tomorrow. Senator Chilton, the only absentee at the preliminary meeting Wednesday, has notified his colleagues he would be on hand for the Monday session. Senator Chilton is chairman of the investigating board.

There will be three spokesmen for the joint citizens' committee, which recently filed a brief embodying the views of several of the civic organizations of Washington. Former Commissioner MacFarland probably will consume the better part of tomorrow in his opening statement. He will be followed by Theodore W. Noyes and A. S. Worthington, two other members of the executive committee of the joint citizens' committee.

After the presentation of their views, the investigators will hear Herbert J. Brown, taxation expert, who has filed a brief in opposition to the half and half system.

Others on the program for the coming week include Dr. A. J. McKelway, W. D. Mackenzie, and Louis P. Shoemaker, who filed briefs during the past week. The hearings, which will continue for six days daily, may end on the opening of Congress. They will be held in the Senate Office Building.

## FREIGHT TRAFFIC IN BOSTON PARALYZED

1,500 Men on Strike and No Immediate Hope of Arbitration Is Held Out.

BOSTON, Oct. 24.—With 1,500 freight handlers on strike in Boston, freight shipments are almost paralyzed throughout New England today, with no immediate hope of arbitration. Six hundred strike breakers imported by the Boston and Maine, Boston and Albany and the New Haven are on the scene, but have as yet done little work, owing to the hostile appearance of the strike breakers, who have established extensive picketing lines.

In the midnight tour by Mayor Curley and the strike breakers, the strike breakers after the strikers had rejected his arbitration proposition, the strike breakers were discovered in crude quarters in a building under sanitary conditions, which Health Commissioner Mahoney described this morning as being as intolerable as to warrant prosecution unless remedied within twenty-four hours.

Capt. W. H. Bullard Predicts Marked Advance in Radio Telephony Work.

ONLY A MECHANICAL TASK

Superintendent of Station Convinced That Only Practical Problem Is Unsolved.

"The day is not far distant when the Secretary of the Navy will be able to take his telephone receiver off his hook and talk directly with the commander of any American battleship in any part of the world."

Such was the opinion expressed today by Capt. W. H. Bullard, U. S. N., superintendent of the fifty-two wireless stations in the United States and its island possessions.

Captain Bullard, who makes his headquarters at Arlington, participated in the recent wireless telephony tests which resulted in the establishment of communication with Paris by means of the human voice. He talked with a man on the Eiffel Tower in the French capital and heard the voice across the Atlantic so distinctly as to convince him that talking around the world is merely a mechanical problem.

**Can Get Ships Now.**

"We are able to communicate with battleships now by means of wireless," said Captain Bullard, "but wireless telephony holds many additional advantages. The person calling knows exactly to whom he is talking, direct contact is established and a reply comes back immediately, thus saving the time and sometimes costly delay. Then again, the conversation is verified by the human ear and there is little or no chance of the meaning of a message being misunderstood. It therefore promises to be of inestimable value to the navy."

Captain Bullard was asked what were the probabilities of the early development of wireless telephony to a stage where it could be of service to the navy. "Although wireless telephony is in its infancy, enough has been demonstrated to show that it is just a question of constructing wireless antennas or towers equipped with the proper wires. Whenever electrical waves can be sent wireless telephony can carry its message."

**Thrilled By Sound.**

"How does it feel to talk across the Atlantic?" he was asked.

"While I am familiar with the land telephone and wireless telegraphy, I must admit that it thrilled me when these two agencies were connected so as to make conversation from one continent to another possible. It was an epochal demonstration, and I am anxious to have the opportunity of talking to a man in Paris. I asked for his name and received it. I passed the time of day with him."

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## U. S. GIRL ABDUCTED, REPORT FROM MEXICO

Teacher of Eighteen Said to Have Been Seized in Night Raid on Schoolhouse.

BROWNVILLE, Oct. 24.—A report reached here today that Mexican bandits Friday night attacked a lonely school house near Rio Yaebel and kidnapped the American girl teacher, eighteen years old. Rio Yaebel is fifty miles north of Brownville, near the Rio Grande.

Major General Funston says the military authorities in that vicinity had not reported the incident to headquarters, and for that reason is inclined to doubt the report.

The Twenty-eighth Infantry has been ordered to Dallas for the border. One battalion will be stationed at Harlingen, twenty-eight miles from Brownville. Two battalions will be placed at Mission, sixty miles above Brownville, where the bandits are reported to have been making their headquarters.

Ranchmen living along the Rio Grande, near McAllen, fifty miles west of here, have appealed to Governor Ferguson for protection for their lives and property. If this cannot be had, they ask immunity from prosecution that they may at their own risk cross the Rio Grande and get back property stolen from them. They allege that more than one hundred head of cattle had been stolen within a few miles of Hidalgo, within a week.

Id. J. Leitch, H. H. Johnson, Troop B, Third Cavalry, arrested three Mexicans on suspicion, near Villanueva, four miles from here. They were held for investigation in connection with the train wreck and robbery Monday night. Five Mexicans are now held.

**Two Suicides Follow**

**Troubles in Families**

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 24.—Family troubles were responsible for two suicides here today.

Jeannie Albert, nineteen, killed herself because she could not provide for her mother in Russia, and James Miller killed himself after a dispute with his son. She came from Kiev, and has been sending money to her mother and sister.

## SHIP RAIDING IN CARIBBEAN FEARED BY U. S.

Mysterious Putting to Sea of the Zealandia Adds to Official Concern.

MAY BE GUILTY OF PIRACY

Subject to Capture by Any Ship

If She Operates in Violation of Law.

In an atmosphere of continued suspicion, three agencies of the Government awaited advice today concerning the whereabouts of the steamship Zealandia, believed to have been fitted out as a German commerce raider, and now being sought in the Gulf of Mexico.

The putting to sea of the Zealandia under suspicious circumstances adds to the official concern which has grown with the mysterious movements of several small craft in American waters, and the flight of six interned German officers from Norfolk.

The Department of Justice, the Navy Department and the customs division of the Treasury Department want to find the Zealandia. Revenue cutters and naval vessels are searching the gulf.

**Zealandia Changed Crews.**

It was said at the Department of Justice and the Treasury Department today that no advice has yet been received regarding the Zealandia's whereabouts.

Suspicion attaches to her movements because the vessel changed crews at Pensacola, Fla., and sailed from that port on October 1. The crew is reported to be German and reports have been received here indicating that the Zealandia has become a commerce raider. The Navy Department is particularly anxious to know if the vessel has aboard the six German warrant officers of the interned Prince Eitel, who were released from Norfolk.

If the Zealandia becomes a raider of British commerce, officials here hold that it is subject to capture by any ship because she has gone to sea in violation of law.

**May Be Piracy.**

That the crew of the ship may even be guilty of piracy was suggested in official circles.

The capture of interned German officers at Norfolk and the unexplained movements of small craft in the Atlantic and the Gulf of Mexico are circumstances causing apprehension among officials here. Government reports have been working without success on the case. Doubt exists as to whether the circumstances point to the institution of a raiding campaign in the Caribbean, a series of filibustering expeditions against Mexico or merely the unexplained movements of vessels which have no ulterior mission.

**Causes of Concern.**

The following circumstances are causing concern and are now under investigation:

The departure of the six German warrant officers from Norfolk in a motor yacht which was heavily provisioned.

The arrival at Buena Ventura, Colombia, of the American ship Academy, out of San Francisco. This vessel was heavily provisioned and one of its own.

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## U. S. TO GRANT VILLA SAFE ASYLUM HERE

Will Allow Him to Come in If He Gives Up War—Huerta Won't Be Extradited.

The United States will grant a safe asylum to General Villa if he will give up his revolutionary activity in Mexico, and General Huerta will not be extradited to face threatened execution in Mexico for the alleged assassination of Carranza.

This was stated in highly authoritative sources today following the receipt of apparently authentic reports from El Paso that Villa is preparing to seek refuge in the United States, and reports from Mexico City indicating that Carranza has taken the initial steps looking to a demand for the extradition of Huerta.

Carranza's demand for the return of Huerta, officials frankly admit, will place the United States Government in the most embarrassing diplomatic position it has been in since the Mexican embargo first arose, but no matter what false light the State Department may be made to appear, officials declare, Huerta will not be surrendered. It is felt that public opinion would not support the Government in returning him to Mexico for execution.

## School Board Divided On Reported Plan To Do Away With Office

William Gallier Says He Is "Utterly Indifferent" to Continuation of Body.

DIFFERS WITH MRS. RHODES

She Declares It Would Be Calamity If Commission Were Dissolved.

Widely divergent opinions were expressed today by members of the Board of Education about the reported proposal of the District Commissioners, in their annual estimates, to abolish the Board of Education.

William T. Gallier said he was "utterly indifferent" to the continuation of the board, and added, "The members of the board serve gratuitously. If the Commissioners have reasons for abolishing the board, I do not know what they are and am not interested."

Mrs. Susie Root Rhodes said she would regard the abolition of a board of education in Washington as a calamity.

**Wouldn't Be Surprised.**

"If there were to be a change in the appointing power I should not be surprised," she said. "I have no opinion as to who should have the appointing power. But if there were no board, where would the public have a part in the conduct of the schools? A superintendent is a busy man. It is impossible for him to see everyone who might have suggestions or complaints to make. The Commissioners have a vast amount of work other than the schools. But with a board, the school board would be able to discuss the school situation on high, night, elementary, and grade schools, and five members on each of those committees, the approaches for parents are multiplied."

Members of the board today declined to discuss the factional strife that has marked the proceedings of the board for the last six months or a year. But many of the details of the long and stormy meetings the board has been holding behind closed doors are coming to light.

**Row Over Saloon.**

One of the recent discussions among board members was brought about by the activities of teachers in McKinley Manual Training School and other schools close by in trying to get saloon licenses of places in the vicinity of those schools revoked. The teachers applied to Mrs. Rhodes to get the support of the board, and she is said to have tried to get other members of the board to introduce a resolution to that effect. They declined to do so. When the question came up in open board meeting there was a prolonged pause, and finally Mrs. Rhodes moved that the board take action approving the effect of the teachers.

In answer to questions regarding the alleged friction between her and Mrs. Gallier, Mrs. Rhodes today said: "I am chairman of the committee on elementary, night, and special schools, and I serve on the text book and ways and means committees. On none of those do I come in contact with Mr. Gallier."

**All Unanimous.**

All actions taken by these committees have been unanimous, and, furthermore, they have had the approval of Mr. Blair, president of the board.

One point for which the board has been widely criticized in the last year, and which is understood to have come to the attention of the Commissioners, was the increasing amount of business transacted behind closed doors.

At most of its recent meetings the board, scheduled to meet at 2:30 o'clock, has assembled in the office of the superintendent, and there the questions under dispute would be thrashed out, after which, sometimes late at 4:15 o'clock, the members would go to the board room and there go through the routine business.

**Feeling Heightened.**

Attacks by various members in open board sessions on work recommended by committees also heightened the feeling between the two factions of the board. Heads of some of the committees have resented the criticisms of their actions by members of the board who were assigned to other committees.

John B. Larnier today declined to discuss the board, the proposal to abolish the board.

"It would not do for me to express an opinion about the matter," he said. "If the Commissioners wish to talk with me about it, that is another matter."

## Security League's Sponsors Chosen

Personnel of Committee Named for Kentucky Branch Announced by Secretary.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Oct. 24.—Names of those who will form a committee of sponsors for the organization of Kentucky branch of the National Security League, were announced last night by Frederick H. Chase, field secretary of the league. Mr. Chase further announced that a meeting would be held immediately following election day.

The sponsors are Theodore Aherne, Peter Lee Atherton, Wood F. Azton, John W. Barr, Jr., Judge Robert W. Bingham, William Marshall Bullitt, Mayor John H. Buol, Gen. John B. Castleman, Atilla Cox, Jr., Samuel A. Culbertson, Capt. Brinton B. Davis, W. W. Dennis, Gen. W. B. Haideman, Col. R. J. McBride, Jr., R. H. Menefee, F. M. Sackett, C. A. Seeger, Col. Marion E. Taylor, Benjamin Seelie Washburn, Henry Watson, Gen. Bennett H. Young, and Sebastian Zorn.



MRS. SUSIE ROOT RHODES.

## KAISER READY FOR PEACE WITH HONOR

So Says Dr. Delbruck, Whose Statement Is Approved by Berlin Foreign Office.

NEW YORK, Oct. 24.—Germany is now ready to make peace on reasonable terms, according to Dr. Hans Delbruck, German historian, statesman, and former tutor of the Kaiser.

An interview quoting him to this effect and approved by the Berlin foreign office is printed in the New York American today.

The interview was obtained by Herman Bernstein and in it Dr. Delbruck is quoted as saying, in part: "I believe that peace could be had within a very short time, peace upon reasonable terms. In fact, the German chancellor declared recently that Germany is ready at any time for peace upon reasonable terms."

"I believe that President Wilson and the Pope could be the peace mediators and practically bring about a speedy peace."

"The majority of German people desire the annexation of Belgium by Germany. At all events, the war must go on till Poland and the Baltic provinces are liberated and the freedom of the seas is secured."

"Then the cause of militarism will have been removed, and armaments could be reduced everywhere at the pleasure of this war. It is quite possible that peace could be secured by ceding to Germany such colonies as Uganda and Nigeria by England, and the French and Belgian Congo as a ransom for the evacuation by Germany of northern France and Belgium."

"Then there would probably have to be an indemnity to Germany, and I think England ought to pay it, for the cost of another year of war would be far greater than the price of peace today."

## SUICIDE IS CONTENT WITH PAUPER'S TOMB

"I'm Lazy Hound, Don't Pay for My Funeral," Clerk's Last Message to Wife.

NEW YORK, Oct. 24.—Charles Northington, a clerk, committed suicide early today in his room at 567 Tenth avenue, by inhaling gas. He was dependent after a quarrel with his wife.

In his room was found a letter to his wife from whom he was recently estranged. It read: "Dear Carrie: Do not pay anything for my funeral. Let my father do it, or let it be 'Potter's Field.' I am perfectly sober, excited perhaps, but know what I do. God bless you, dear, and keep you, and I don't forget the boy, either."

"I loved you both—you the most, naturally, but him, too. I was a jealous, a lazy hound and ill-tempered brute. Still I loved you and him. You any matters in Joe's hands. It will save you undue disgrace. Goodbye, dear, and wish you the greatest happiness—you and the boy."

"With love to you, dear, WILL."

## ALLIES EFFECT JUNCTION WITH SERBIAN ARMY; FOES ADVANCE

Germans Hard Pressed in All Quarters Except Balkans, Where They Are Gaining Ground.

Paris Believes Roumania Is on Eve of Joining Allies—Austrian Line on Russian Front Reported Demoralized.

PARIS, Oct. 24.—Allies forces from Salonika have crossed the Greek frontier into Serbia and have effected a junction with the Serbian army. Disembarkation of French troops at Salonika continues and conditions are of the best.

Germany is hard pressed in all quarters except one—Serbia. There the Kaiser has gained ground.

The Serbian drive has been strengthened at the expense of the Russian front. Crippled by the withdrawal of General von Gallwitz's and General von Koevess' armies to Serbian area. Field Marshal von Hindenburg has been halted in his thrust toward Riga.

In Galicia, the Austrians are being driven back. Between its northern and southern extremities, the Germanic eastern line is wavering.

**GAINING IN SERBIA.**

In Serbia, however, the invaders are some thirty-five miles south of Belgrade and Semendria, and are still gaining. They have crossed the Drina also. Fighting is bloody and incessant. The Serbs are not yielding, but they are being exterminated.

Roumania is believed to be on the eve of joining the allies, and there are still hopes that Greece will reconsider her decision to maintain neutrality and will assist Serbia.

The Bulgarians are overrunning southern Serbia. British, French, and Italian warships are bombarding the southern, and Russian vessels the eastern, Bulgarian coast, and Franco-British reinforcements are pushing northward from Salonika.

For a week the Germans have been hurling assault after assault against the French and British in the west. All their gains have failed, with staggering losses.

The Italians are attacking the Austrian line from the Swiss frontier to the Adriatic. They report gains at several points and losses nowhere.

**Austrian Line Demoralized.**  
At the extreme north of the eastern front, Russian warships have bombarded Cape Dome. News at the entrance to the Gulf of Riga, and landed a small force, presumably preparatory to an attack on the German left wing. A little farther south the Germans are stalled on the Dvina.

At the German center, in the Baranovitch region, Petrograd advises estimate that the Kaiser has lost 60,000 men.

The Austrians' Galician line is reported completely demoralized, and General Ivanoff is pressing his advance as fast as he can move his forces. In this quarter the Russians are hopeful of regaining speedily all the ground they lost in the last great Germanic drive.

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**Russ to Attack Bulgarians.**  
Unofficial assurances have been received that Russian forces will land on the Bulgarian Black sea coast, within a fortnight. The allies are said to be sending men at Ploegatch under cover of the Aegean sea bombardment.

Dedeagatch is reported badly damaged by the allies' shells. Roumania is dispatching troops to rush forces along the line to aid in opposing the German drive from the north. Bodies of French and English soldiers are already across the Greco-Serbian frontier.

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